appropriate from time to time. There are at present no Indian nationals in Afghanistan.

Repair of Old Coaches

*630. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the old coaches which are dirty and unusable are put into service in all the trains of Punjab despite existence of new Railway Coaches Factory at Kapurthala;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to rectify the position?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF). (a) Old coaches which are dirty and unusable are not being put into service in trains of Punjab.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Concessions/facilities to CRPF/BSF Personnel

*631. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry issued a letter to all the State Governments on 30th June, 1983 for granting various concessions/facilities to the ex-servicemen of CRPF and BSF or their families;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that some State Governments have not completed with the directions contained in the letter since its issuance,

(c) which are the States that have not complied with the directions; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to see that these States also abide by these directions?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) The State Governments were addressed on 30.6.1983, requesting them to consider grant of various concessions/facilities to the ex-servicemen of the CRPF and their families, out of the state Govt.'s resources.

(b) to (d) Do not arise, as the letter issued to the State Govt. was in the nature of a request, seeking their help and support.

Schemes to Promote Afforestation in Rural areas

*632. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are schemes to promote afforestation in rural areas;

(b) whether Government are allotting Peramboke and Government lands for this purpose; and

(c) what is the programme to promote these schemes in villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Afforestation in rural areas is promoted through the tree planting activities carried out under the State Plan Schemes, externally-aided Forestry Projects and the Schemes of the Central Government like the Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme, Fuelwood and Fodder Projects scheme, Minor Forest Produce Scheme, Integrated Wastelands development Projects scheme, Drought Prone Areas Programme, desert Development Programme, River Valley Projects Scheme, etc.

(b) The allotment of Poramboke and Government lands is done at the State level by the concerned state Governments and the question of the Government of India alloting such lands does not arise. However, plantations on Poramboke and